FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Notification, dated 10th November 1896.

Under Section 37 of the Forest Rules of 1878 it is hereby notified that the following timber was found adrift in the Bhadra River near the travellers' bangalo at Benkipur, Shimoga taluk, Shimoga district.

All persons claiming the ownership of the said timber are hereby required to appear in person or by agent, duly authorized in their behalf, before the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga district, within two months from the date of this Notification and establish their claims to the timber, after which period no claims to the ownership of the timber shall be received and the timber will be sold on behalf of Government.

No. - 1. Kind—Teak. Measurement, length in feet—14 feet, 4 inches. Girth in feet—7 feet, 8 inches. Remarks—Nil.

Notification, dated 24th November 1896.

In pursuance of the Inspector General of Forests' Notification dated 28th January 1890, published at page 45, Part II of Mysore Gazette, dated 15th February 1890, it is hereby notified that the undermentioned Forests and Plantations in the Shimoga district having been placed under fire protection, they are closed against hunting, shooting and gaming, from 1st January to 31st May 1897. No permission for the above purpose will be granted during that period. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

No.	Name of Forest or Plantation.	Name of Taluk.
1	Shankargudda and Butanbail	Shimoga and Tirthahalli
2	Purdhal	Shimoga.
3	Kunchinhalli ..	Do
4	Anapingatte Plantation	Do
5	Sakrebail Forest	Shimoga and Tirthahalli.
6	Sakrebail Plantation	Shimoga.
7	Chornedahalli	Do
8	Ainur Plantation	Do
9	Alkole Sandal Reserve	Do
10	Korlkoppa do	Do
11	Umblibail and Hunsekatte	Do
12	Aldahara	Do
13	Kumsi	Do
14	Masrur	Nagar.
15	Kukavada Ubrani	Shimoga, Channagiri and Tarikere.
16	Channagiri Plantation	Channagiri.
17	Telegadde and Artelegadde	Sorab.
18	Bettadakurli	Do
19	Siddihalli	Do
20	Hale Sorab Sandal Reserve	Do
21	Chandragutte	Do
22	Kavadi	Do
23	Kavali	Shikarpur.
24	Togarsi	Do
25	Basavanandihalli	Do
26	Kalenhalli Plantation	Do
27	Gangavansara with Harogoppa and Yekatte coppiced blocks.	Do and Honnali.
28	Kardibetta	Shikarpur and Shimoga.
29	Chendrakal	Shikarpur.
30	Belandur	Do
31	Malendur	Sagar.
32	Malebennur	Honnali and Davangere.

C. NARAYANA RAO,
Dy. Conservator of Forests, Shimoga District.

Notification, dated 2nd September 1896.

It is hereby notified for general information that the annual auction sales of sandalwood, the produce of Mysore, will be held in the undermentioned places, on the dates specified against each, by the Deputy Commissioner and Forest Officer of the respective districts :—

District.	*Name of koti.*	*Date of auction sales.*
Shimoga ..	.. Shimoga ..	.. 15th December 1896.
Do ..	.. Sagar ..	.. 18th do
Do ..	.. Tirthahalli ..	.. 22nd do

2. The public are informed that sandalwood has this year been assorted or classified under two different systems :—

(i) The old system in the Bangalore, Hassan, Kadur and Shimoga district kotis.
(ii) The new or Bombay system in the Mysore district kotis as an experimental measure.

3. The weights used will be the same as hitherto.

4. The following statement exhibits the approximate quantities of various classes of sandalwood which will be offered for sale at each koti.

Classification under the old system.														Classification under the new or Bombay system.				
Description of sandalwood.	Bangalore koti.		Hassan koti.		Chikmagalur koti.		Shimoga koti.		Sagar koti.		Tirthahalli koti.		Description of sandalwood.	Hunsur koti.		Seringapatam koti.	
	T.	cwt.	T.	cwt.	T.	cwt.	T.	cwt.	T.	cwt.	T.	cwt.		T.	cwt.	T.	cwt.
First class billet	1	...	...	5	...	15	...	...	...	15	...	...	Vilayat budh	1	...	...	10
Second do	...	5	1	5	2	5	3	5	1	...	...	2	China budh	20	...	30	...
Third do	1	10	7	10	5	5	12	15	8	...	4	...	Pancham	28	..	89	...
Fourth do	45	15	30	...	44	...	32	10	12	..	7	...	Billets of short length (1st class) Ghatla ...	3	...	5	...
Fifth do	7	...	10	...	10	10	37	...	25	...	14	...	Do (2nd class) ...	2	...	1	...
Billets of short length	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ghut Badala	50	...	30	...
Roots (large)	21	...	35	...	(a)33	...	66	5	40	...	25	...	Roots (1st class)	25	...	25	...
Do (small)	3	15			(b) 5	...	8	...	4	...	2	...	Do (2nd class)	25	...	12	...
Do (branches)	1	5			(c) 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do (3rd class)	20	...	8	...
Jajpokal (large)	18	...	61	5	30	...	94	...	65	...	43	...	Do (4th class)	7	...	7	...
Do (small)	3	5			11	...							Jajpokal (1st class)	50	...	25	...
Bagaradad	2	15	6	...	5	5	26	...	9	...	13	10	Do (2nd class)	40	15	15	...
Ain or cheg bagar	1	...	3	...	...	10	..	...	...	...	...	...	Bagaradad	5	...	12	...
Powder (saw dust)	...	2	...	5	..	10	1	...	...	15	9	...	Ain bagar	5	...	14	...
Ain chilta (large)	1	10	1	...	6	5	15	10	15	...	16	...	Cheria	5	...	5	...
Do (small)	...	...	2	..									Ain chilta (1st class)	4	...	6	...
Do (ketne)	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	Do (2nd class)	6	...	6	10
Hutri chilta	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hutri chilta	1	...	2	10
Milva chilta	17	10	30	...	21	5	30	...	12	...	9	...	Saw dust (powder)	1	..	...	10
Basola bukni	1	15	10	...	14	..	14	15	5	10	6	8	Milva chilta	30	...	50	...
Koita chilta	...	...	1	10	3	10	9	...	2	...	1	...	Basola bukni	7	...	10	...
													Cheg milva	...	...	5	...
													Last year's roots	113	15	12	15
													Special class	...	10	...	...
Total ...	135	15	200	...	200	...	350	...	200	...	150	...	Total ...	450	...	371	15

(a) Red roots.
(b) Yellow roots.
(c) Side roots.

5. *Terms of sale.*—The following revised rules for the sale of sandalwood by public auction in Mysore, approved by Government in Notification No. 15120—R. F. 155-92, dated 15th March 1895. are published for general information :—

I.—Procedur.

1. Every auction sale shall be held by the Forest Officer in conjunction with the Deputy Commissioner of the district, or other officer deputed by the Deputy Commissioner.

2. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser. Should any lot be disputed, it shall be again put up and re-sold.

3. Each purchaser shall, immediately after a lot has been knocked down to him, sign his name, opposite the number and specification of the lot bought by him, in a book provided for the purpose, Such signature shall be held as an admission on his part of having bought such lot. The lot thus sold shall remain intact till weighment by the Forest Officer under para 6 of these Rules.

II.—Payments how to be made.

4. Immediately after the sale, each purchaser will be furnished with a memo showing the total amount due by him and with a letter of advice to pay immediately 25 per cent of such amount as deposit into the Taluk Treasury at the place, or if there is no such treasury, to pay the same into the nearest Taluk Treasury, before the close of the third day from the date of sale. A receipt for the deposit money will be granted by the Treasury Officer, and must be presented to the Forest Officer before the close of the fifth day. The Forest Officer will initial this receipt and enter on its face the date of presentation. Should any purchaser fail to comply with this regulation, the Forest Officer shall be at liberty to re-sell forthwith all or any portion of the sandalwood purchased by such defaulter, who shall bear any loss, but shall not participate in any profit that may arise. The amount due by such defaulter shall be recovered as a revenue demand. To meet the convenience of intending large and recognized purchasers, deposits in advance will be received from them in currency notes sent by post duly registered to the address of the "Officer in charge of the State Huzur Treasury, Bangalore," or by remittances through the Madras Bank in favor of that officer or cash paid into that treasury. Such deposits do not bind the Forest Department to sell the wood to the depositors or to show them any indulgence which is not shown to others, or to exempt them from their liability to these rules. The Officer in charge of the Huzur Treasury shall give intimation to the Inspector General of Forests of all receipts of deposits the same day they are credited at the treasury, for communication to the Forest Officers concerned, and adjust such deposits as instructed by the Inspector General of Forests. Unutilized deposits shall be returned to the party concerned on the certificate of the Inspector General of Forests.

5. The whole quantity purchased by each merchant must be paid for within ninety days from the date of sale, failing which, the deposit money already paid in shall lapse to the Government and shall not be counted as part payment. The sandalwood not paid for shall be re-sold. Moneys due may be paid into the treasury of the taluk in which the koti is situated, or into the District Treasury, but into no other, except in cases where the purchasers are permitted to pay into any other Government Treasury. Depositors under the above para may pay into the Huzur Treasury the balance due for their sandalwood purchases at each koti, and the receipt granted by the Huzur Treasury on that account shall be regarded by the officer selling as payment. The Huzur Treasury Officer shall give intimation of all such payments to the Inspector General of Forests for communication to Forest Officers concerned.

III.—Weighing out and Delivery of Wood.

6. The Forest Officer, or, in his absence, any other officer deputed by the Deputy Commissioner, shall personally weigh out the whole quantity of wood bought by each purchaser, and this weighing out of the wood sold in each koti must be completed within three months from the date of sale. When weighing, should any surplus be found, it shall be taken out, and should any deficiency occur, the officer weighing will make up the full tale of wood, stamp every piece that can be stamped, and take such precautions as shall preclude the lots being tampered with before final removal.

The full tale of wood having been thus once made up, all loss which may afterwards arise from driage or other causes shall be borne entirely by the purchaser, who shall be warned to attend at the weighing out of his lots. Should he not appear in person or by duly constituted agent, the Forest Officer or the officer deputed for weighing, shall weigh out, stamp and seal the lots at his own convenience, and no complaint afterwards made by the purchaser will be attended to. The expenditure incurred in weighing out wood will be borne by the Government, but all expenses necessary for the final removal of the wood from the koti shall be borne by the purchaser. Nothing shall prevent a Forest Officer from weighing out wood to any purchaser who wants early delivery upon full payment of the amount due thereon.

7. No wood can be removed by any purchaser until it has been paid for in full, and until a "License to remove." shall have been obtained from the Forest Officer.

IV.—Koti Rent.

8. Wood weighed out, stamped and paid for under the preceding sections may be removed at any time within 90 days from date of sale without payment of koti rent. Such wood, if left in the kotis for more than 90 days from date of sale, shall be charged with koti rent at the rate of 4 annas per khandi or 1 rupee per ton per mensem from date of sale for superior sorts, and 2 annas per khandi or 8 annas per ton for inferior sorts, such as milva, chilta and white chips. If the wood be not removed within six months from date of sale, the same shall, after ten days' notice to the purchaser, be sold by public auction for the recovery of rent and cost, after due publicity of the sale, subject to full payment at once and immediate removal, and the balance of sale proceeds, if any, shall be paid to the original purchaser. If, before such sale is concluded, the original purchaser tenders the rent due and cost, he shall be allowed to remove his wood. The Inspector General of Forests may remit any portion of rent not exceeding three months' rent in any case on sufficient grounds being shown.

V.—Licenses to remove.

9. No wood can be removed from the koti till a "License to remove sandalwood," signed by the Forest Officer in charge shall have been obtained, and all holders of such licenses shall be bound to abide by the conditions laid down in such licenses. Any trader or other person infringing the terms of his license, or not returning his license on the expiration of the time allowed, shall be liable to be dealt with under the conditions prescribed in Section 40 of the Mysore Forest Rules. All time-expired licenses shall be considered as null and void, and extension of time shall not be granted, except on the ground of special and cogent reasons, and under Deputy Commissioner's orders.

VI.—General.

10. In conformity with standing rules, no sandalwood can be sold by private individuals within the Mysore Territories, or be moved from place to place without a license to be granted by the Forest Officer in charge of the range.

11. The Forest Officer in charge shall be at liberty, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner or the officer deputed by the Deputy Commissioner, if such be present, and failing their presence, on his own responsibility, to stop the sale at any time without giving any reason to the intending purchasers.

C. APPAIYA, for *Conservator of Forests in Mysore.*

Notification, dated 3rd December 1896.

It is hereby notified that under the provisions of Rule 13 of the Forest Rules of the 8th June 1878 the undermentioned demarcated and notified State Forests and Plantations will be closed against hunting, &c., without a permit, up to the end of 31st May 1897 :—

Taluk.	Forests.	Plantations, &c.
Hunsur taluk ..	Viranhosahalli ..	Naihalla, Gurupur and Panchavalli sandal plantations, and Dodhosur, Anechaukur and Viranhosahalli re-production blocks.
Heggaddevankote taluk.	Begur, Kakankote, Metikuppe and Ainur Marigudi forests.	Kakankote, Mastigudi and Mumchagaudanahalli teak plantations and Hampapur re-production block.
Gundlupet taluk ..	Berambadi and Bandipur forests.	Maddur gall-nut plantation and Hongalli sandal plantation.
Chamrajnagar taluk ..	Chamrajnagar forests.	

T. ABDUL KARIM,
District Forest Officer, Mysore Dt.

Notice, dated 1st December 1896.

It is hereby notified for general information that sandalwood billets of small sizes for domestic use are being sold in the marginally noted taluk treasuries at retail rates.

Chitaldrug. | Davangere. | Holalkere.

K. SHAMAIENGAR,
District Forest Officer, Chitaldrug district.